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# NPC

## Notice of Project Change

The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review of a NPC in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations (see 301 CMR 11.10(1)).

Project Name: Supplemental CWMP/NPC		EOEA #: 11401	
Street: Various locations in the Town of Dracut			
Municipality: Dracut		Watershed: Merrimack	
Universal Tranverse Mercator Coordinates:		Latitude: 42° 42' 48.26" W Longitude: 71° 15' 23.13" W	
Status of project construction: Phases 1 & 2 completed, Phase 3 in preliminary design; 50 % complete			
Proponent: Dracut Board of Sewer Commissioners			
Street: 1196 Lakeview Avenue			
Municipality: Dracut		State: MA	Zip Code: 01826
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this NPC May Be Obtained: Richard Raiche			
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In 25 words or less, what is the project change? The project change involves . . .  
The Town has substantially completed Phases 1 and 2 of the Town's sewer expansion program and now plans to proceed with Phases 3 and 4 of the sewer program described in the 2001 CWMP/FEIR. The Supplemental CWMP/NPC provides additional documentation for the Phase 3 and 4 areas as required by the 2001 FEIR Certificate. The Supplemental CWMP/NPC also provides details of the proposed connection of Dracut to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District (GLSD) facility through the City of Methuen.

Date of ENF filing or publication in the Environmental Monitor:

Was an EIR required?  Yes  No; if yes,  
was a Draft EIR filed?  Yes (Date: 1/9/1998)  No  
was a Final EIR filed?  Yes (Date: 1/31/2001)  No  
was a Single EIR filed?  Yes (Date: )  No

Have other NPCs been filed?  Yes (Date(s): )  No

If this is a NPC solely for lapse of time (see 301 CMR 11.10(2)) proceed directly to  
"ATTACHMENTS & SIGNATURES" on page 4.

### PERMITS / FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE / LAND TRANSFER

List or describe all new or modified state permits, financial assistance, or land transfers not  
previously reviewed: None

Are you requesting a finding that this project change is insignificant? (see 301 CMR 11.10(6))

Yes     No; if yes, attach justification.

The Secretary's March 16, 2001 Certificate on the FEIR requested additional documentation on the need for new sewers in the Phase 3 and 4 areas of the Town of Dracut in the form of a NPC. Changes to Phases 3 and 4 since the completion of the 2001 CWMP/FEIR are insignificant and do not exceed the thresholds for an ENF or EIR, whether considered independently or in combination.

Are you requesting that a Scope in a previously issued Certificate be rescinded?

Yes     No; if yes, attach the Certificate

Are you requesting a change to a Scope in a previously issued Certificate?  Yes     No; if yes, attach Certificate and describe the change you are requesting:

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Previously reviewed	Net Change	Currently Proposed
<b>LAND</b>			
Total site acreage	0	0	0
Acres of land altered	0	0	0
Acres of impervious area	0	0	0
Square feet of bordering vegetated wetlands alteration	7,600 sf (temporary)	-1,400 sf	6,200 sf (temporary)
Square feet of other wetland alteration	154,040 sf of BLSF (temporary) (includes work in roadways & cross-country areas)	0	102,540 sf of BLSF (temporary) (includes work in roadways & cross-country areas)
Acres of non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>STRUCTURES</b>			
Gross square footage	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of housing units	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maximum height (in feet)	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>			
Vehicle trips per day	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parking spaces	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>WATER/WASTEWATER</b>			
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0	0	0
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	2,500,000	0	2,500,000
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	30	0	30

Does the project change involve any new or modified:

1. conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97? Yes No

2. release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction? Yes No

3. impacts on Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities? Yes No

- The majority of the sewer work located within Estimate/Priority Habitat of Rare Species is located within existing roadways. A copy of this NPC will be forwarded to the MNHESP for review. Additionally, the MNHESP will be notified of proposed sewer work occurring in or near wetlands identified as habitat of state-protected species.

4. impact on any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

-The Town of Dracut will continue to coordinate with the MHC regarding the scope for further archaeological investigations in order to ensure the protection of historical and archaeological resources.

Yes No; if yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources? Yes No

5. impact upon an Area of Critical Environmental Concern? Yes No  
If you answered 'Yes' to any of these 5 questions, explain below:

**PROJECT CHANGE DESCRIPTION** (attach additional pages as necessary). The project change description should include:

- (a) a brief description of the project as most recently reviewed
- (b) a description of material changes to the project as previously reviewed,
- (c) the significance of the proposed changes, with specific reference to the factors listed 301 CMR 11.10(6), and
- (d) measures that the project is taking to avoid damage to the environment or to minimize and mitigate unavoidable environmental impacts. If the change will involve modification of any previously issued Section 61 Finding, include a proposed modification of the Section 61 Finding (or it will be required in a Supplemental EIR).

The Town has substantially completed Phases 1 and 2 of the Town's sewer expansion program and now plans to proceed with Phases 3 and 4 of the sewer program described in the 2001 CWMP/FEIR. The Supplemental CWMP/NPC recommends a sequenced series of wastewater system improvements presented as Phases 3 and 4 over the next decade in sewer needs areas.

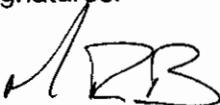
The recommended sewer routes for Phases 3 and 4 are primarily the same as presented in the 2001 CWMP/FEIR with the exception of the addition of two new cross-country reaches in Phase 3 totaling approximately 500 square feet; elimination of three cross-country reaches in Phase 4 based on field observations in 2006 to avoid impacts to areas recently designated as Priority Habitats and Estimated Habitats of Rare Species and wetland areas; and addition of approximately 1 mile of new sewer interceptor route in Methuen to convey flow from the new sewers in Dracut to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District wastewater treatment plant. See full project change description beginning in Section 8.

**ATTACHMENTS & SIGNATURES**

Attachments:

1. Secretary's most recent Certificate on this project
2. Plan showing most recent previously-reviewed proposed build condition
3. Plan showing currently proposed build condition
4. Original U.S.G.S. map or good quality color copy (8-1/2 x 11 inches or larger) indicating the project location and boundaries
5. List of all agencies and persons to whom the proponent circulated the NPC, in accordance with 301 CMR 11.10(7)

Signatures:

	<u>27 APR 06</u>	
Date	Signature of Responsible Officer or Proponent	Date
		Signature of person preparing NPC (if different from above)

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